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In re Application of: ) SOFT-SIDED COOLER OR LUNCH  
RHONDA SUE JOHNSON ) KIT WITH QUICK ACCESS FLAP  
Serial No. 10/652,780 ) DEFINING A DECORATIVE FIGURE  
Filed August 29, 2003 ) Group Art Unit 3728  
Examiner John G. Pickett

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This is to advise the Examiner that a soft-sided cooler with a quick access panel of the type generally identified under the heading Background of the Invention

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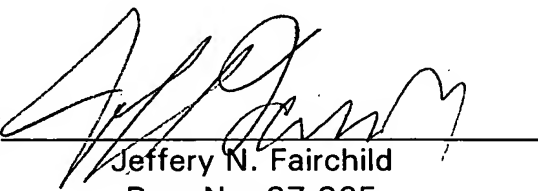
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and in the preamble of the claims of McDonald, Serial No. 10/271,464, was sold by the Assignee of the instant application more than one year to the filing of this application and is therefore prior art. It is believed that a description of the cooler offered for sale as contained in the Background of the Invention and as set forth in the preamble of the independent claims of McDonald is adequate for the Examiner to understand the details of the prior art structure. Finally, Applicants have attached hereto four color pictures showing the structure discussed in the Background of the Invention section at page 2, line 24 through page 3, line 5 of the McDonald application.

Respectfully submitted,

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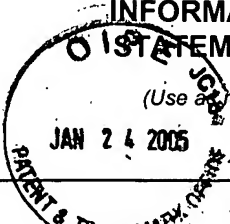


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